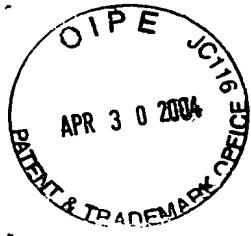


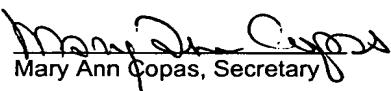
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** following page 9 of this paper contains one drawing sheet with three figures as discussed in the **Remarks/Arguments** section of this amendment.